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As frequently reported, the settlement of the Royal Question has caused resentment in Flanders and there has been some feeling in that region that the P.S.C. did not defend the King's cause strongly enough. This has led to talk of an all Flemish party of which there have been extremist examples in the past such as the prewar VNV. The P.S.C. is afraid of this (Embassy's despatch No. 166 of August 24, 1950) and the composition of the Pholien Cabinet reflects the party's desire to appease Flemish opinion. (Embassy's telegram No. 252 of August 16, 1950.)

It is reported in the moderate P.S.C. paper, La Nation Belge of August 24 (clipping enclosed), that the Concentration Flamande will offer its own candidates in the next election. The Concentration Flamande (Embassy's despatch No. 719 of May 26, 1950)

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Du côté de la Concentration flamande

Au cours du pèlerinage de Dixmude, la Concentration flamande a fait distribuer, en petit nombre d'ailleurs, un tract exposant sa position.

Comme l'hebdomadaire du mouvement, ce tract s'en prend au P. S. C. qui est déclaré « fini » en Flandre, où a, annonce-t-on, sonné l'heure de la Concentration flamande.

Celle-ci, aux prochaines élections, présentera des listes dans tous les arrondissements flamands.

Le programme présenté a trait notamment, à la liquidation de l'« occupation wallonne qui dure depuis 120 ans » et à une « politique corrective », qui doit faire regagner à l'économie flamande le terrain perdu.

Il convient de noter que lorsque la Concentration flamande présenta des listes en 1949, elle n'obtint aucun siège.